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Subject: Phone Call from Sen Blunt Staffer (DeGregorio) RE: West Lake (UNCLASSIFIED)
Attachments: Record of Verbal Correspondence DeGregorio 9-2-14.pdf

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Dan/Jeff:

Yesterday afternoon, I received a call from Kerry DeGregorio, Constituent Advocate for Senator Blunt. Attached is a copy of the record of verbal correspondence documenting the call.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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**Record of Verbal Correspondence
US Army Corps of Engineers**

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Call From : Kerry DeGregorio, Constituent Advocate, Senator Roy Blunt's Office

Call To: Robyn Kiefer, USACE PM

Kerry called to touch base and convey concern that the West Lake Landfill project is not moving along as quickly as the congressional delegation would like. Following were key points of the conversation:

- Kerry indicated that the congressional delegation sent letter to EPA stating that they wanted to see more progress at West Lake including the isolation barrier construction. The Congressional delegation was dissatisfied with EPA's response to their letter.
- Kerry indicated that the congressional delegation doesn't understand why the USGS water report hasn't been issued and why the report from the last sampling hasn't been provided.
- Kerry said she was aware of meeting with AG.
 - I responded that Corps is preparing an Isolation Barrier Alternatives Report per EPA's request and that EPA was going to release it to the public. I told her that it was a qualitative assessment and not based on any engineering designs.
 - She asked when it would be released, I said I wasn't sure.
 - I told her that the Corps had offered to EPA that once the report was made public that we would be available to present the assessment at a CAG, dependent upon the CAG's agenda and what topics they would like to discuss.
- Kerry watched video from last CAG because she couldn't attend and said that sometimes it seems like the Corps is hesitant to respond to some of the questions.
 - I responded that the Corps' scope concerns the isolation barrier and not the BMAC or haul roads or other parts of the site. We don't answer those questions because we aren't supporting EPA with that aspect of the project under this IAG.
- She asked if the RPs had completed the investigation yet and what the Corps would do if we had a site and needed to move forward, would you get the investigation data right away?
 - I responded that the RPs had not completed the investigation. I also stated that the Corps would want to have the extent of contamination identified and recent groundwater sampling data in order to determine what needs to be done at the site.
- Kerry indicated that she expects that the Corps will be asked more and more what we think of how things are being done.
- She said that she heard that the odors had gotten better, but then this past weekend, something else must have happened because they are now worse.

I informed Kerry that based upon some of the questions we've heard over the past few CAGs, that there appears to be a misunderstanding of some of the basic information on how background levels are determined and how safe remediation levels are determined. I told her that the Corps is planning to present some basic information at the next CAG regarding how the processes work to ensure public safety and how remediation goals and background levels are established and related basic information. She thought that was a good idea.

End of call.